GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:449
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PRE-NATAL DIAGNOSTIC TECHNIQUES ACT,1994
SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to make some amendments in Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. The Bill No. XXVIII of 2001, titled `Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse Amendment Bill 2001` has already been introduced in Rajya Sabha on 7th March 2001. This Bill seeks to include a provision by which the term of three women members of Central Supervisory Board will deem to have been terminated on her subsequent appointment as a Minister or Minister of State or Deputy Minister, the Speaker or Deputy speaker, Lok Sabha or Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha.

Another set of amendments are being currently examined by the Central Supervisory Board in view of new emerging technologies in the field and for more effective enforcement of the PNDT Act 1994.